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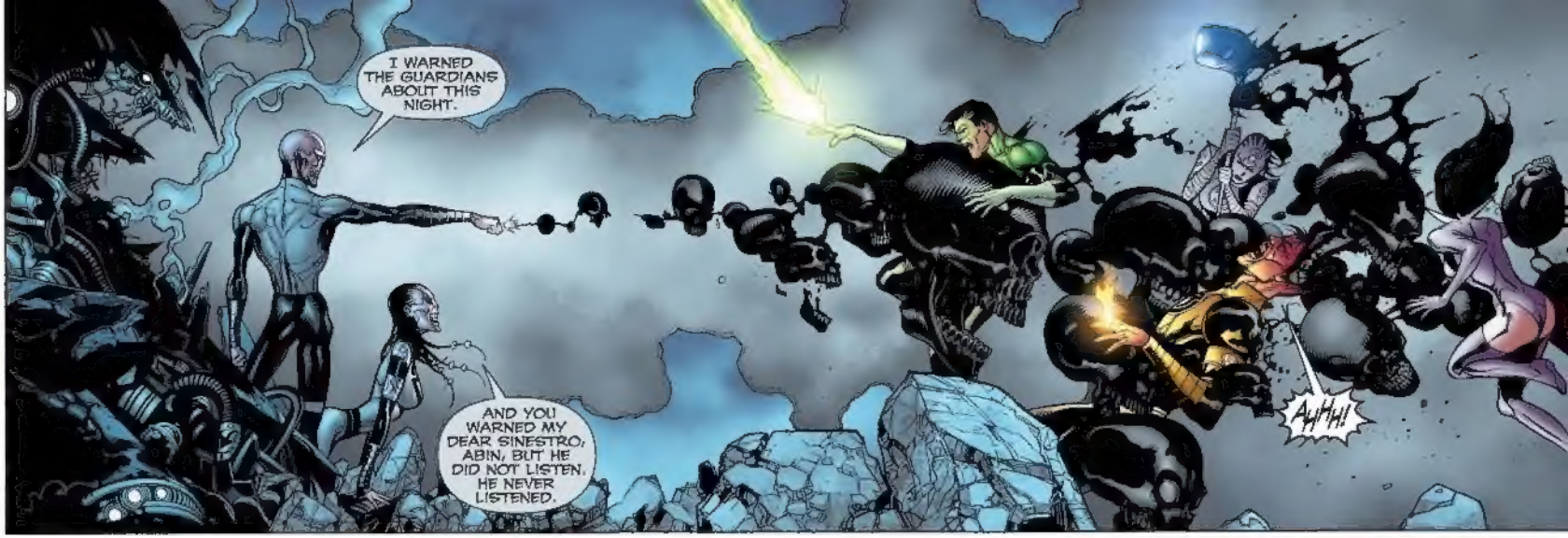
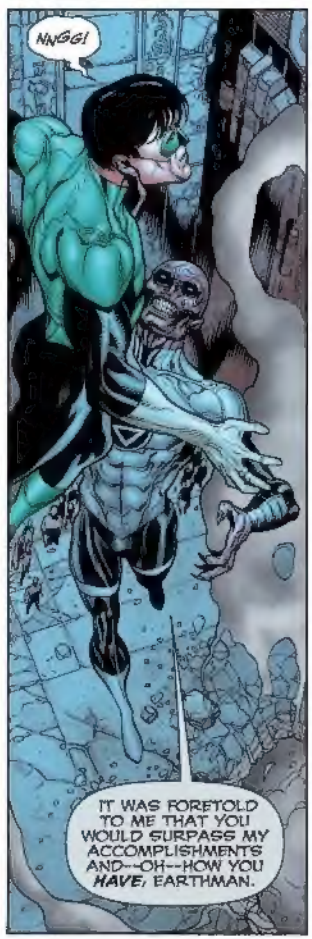

I WARNED THE GUARDIANS ABOUT THIS NIGHT.
AND YOU WARNED MY DEAR SINESTRO, ABIN, BUT HE DID NOT LISTEN. HE NEVER LISTENED.
AUHH!

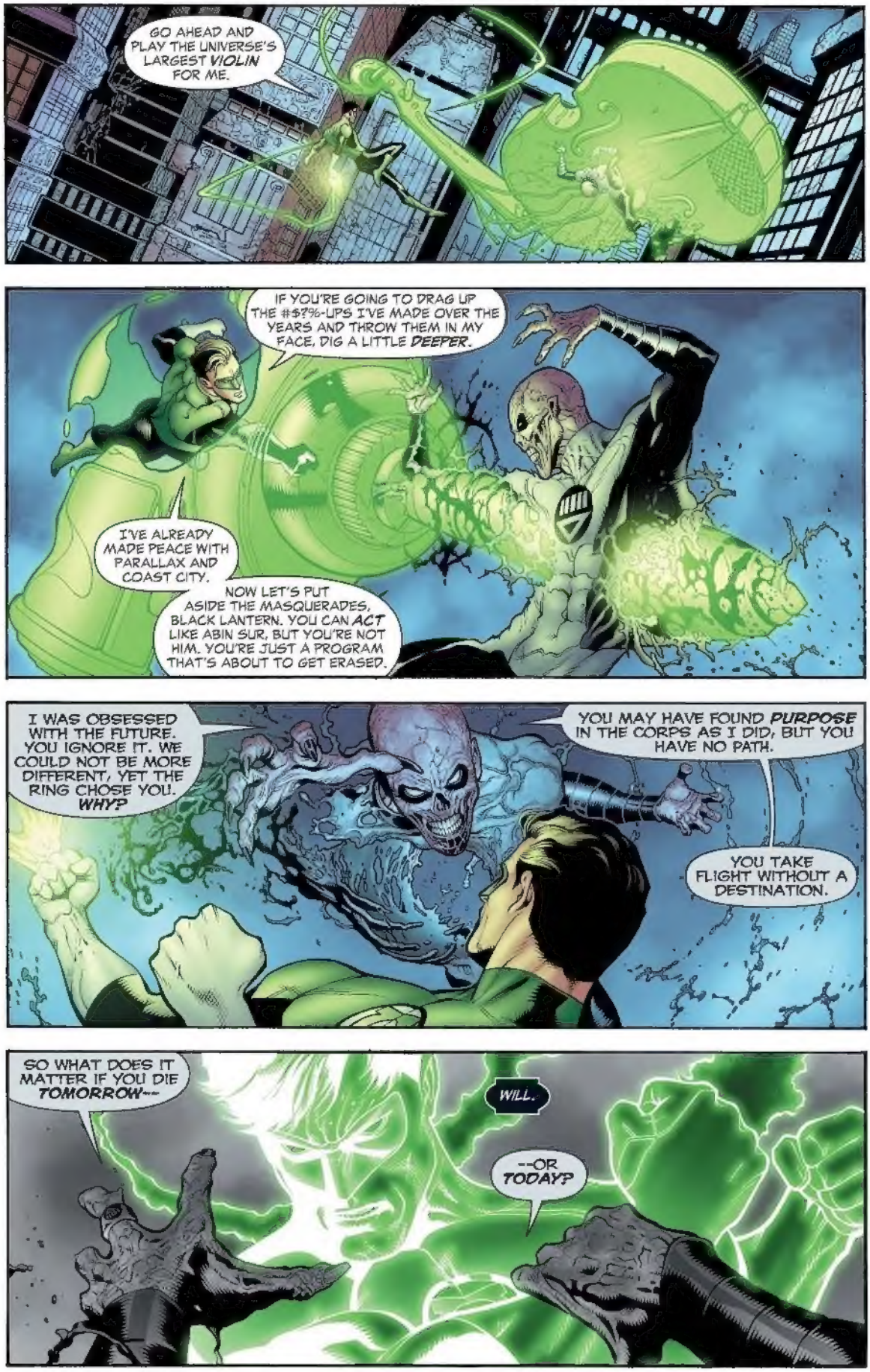
ESPECIALLY TO MY PLEAS.
DO YOU REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED HERE ON KORUGAR, SINESTRO?

WHAT HAPPENED UNDER THESE STREETS?


NNGG!
IT WAS FORETOLD TO ME THAT YOU WOULD SURPASS MY ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND--OH--HOW YOU *HAVE*, EARTHMAN.

I NEVER BROUGHT THE CORPS TO THE BRINK OF DESTRUCTION.
OR FAILED TO SAVE A CITY OF SEVEN MILLION PEOPLE.

YEAH.


GO AHEAD AND PLAY THE UNIVERSE'S LARGEST VIOLIN FOR ME.
IF YOU'RE GOING TO DRAG UP THE #$?%-UPS I'VE MADE OVER THE YEARS AND THROW THEM IN MY FACE, DIG A LITTLE DEEPER.
I'VE ALREADY MADE PEACE WITH PARALLAX AND COAST CITY.
NOW LET'S PUT ASIDE THE MASQUERADES, BLACK LANTERN. YOU CAN ACT LIKE ABIN SUR, BUT YOU'RE NOT HIM. YOU'RE JUST A PROGRAM THAT'S ABOUT TO GET ERASED.
I WAS OBSESSED WITH THE FUTURE. YOU IGNORE IT. WE COULD NOT BE MORE DIFFERENT, YET THE RING CHOSE YOU. WHY?
YOU MAY HAVE FOUND PURPOSE IN THE CORPS AS I DID, BUT YOU HAVE NO PATH.
YOU TAKE FLIGHT WITHOUT A DESTINATION.
SO WHAT DOES IT MATTER IF YOU DIE TOMORROW---
WILL.
--OR TODAY?

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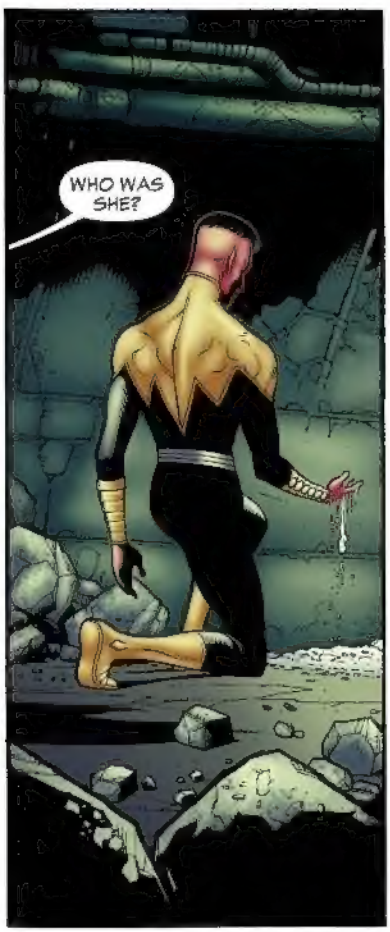
ABIN SUR, THIS IS TRULY BLASPHEMY.
I WILL ASSIST SINESTRO, SAPPHIRE. YOU HELP YOUR MAN.
HE'S NOT "MY MAN."
YOUR GREEN LANTERN THEN.
IT WAS IN THESE VERY TUNNELS THAT I DIED IN YOUR ARMS, SINESTRO.
I DIED BECAUSE OF YOUR RELENTLESS QUEST FOR CONTROL.
MANY DIED TO BRING ORDER TO KORUGAR. MANY MORE WILL DIE TO BRING IT TO THE REST OF THE UNIVERSE.
THAT IS THE COST OF ORDER.
BUT HAS EVERYTHING THAT'S BROUGHT YOU TO THIS POINT--
--HAS IT BEEN WORTH MY DEATH? HAS IT BEEN WORTH LOSING THE ONLY WOMAN YOU'VE EVER LOVED?
FEAR.
LOVE.
I DON'T...
COMPASSION.

JORDAN, NO--!
I WILL NOT BE ABLE TO CHANNEL THE GREEN LANTERN'S POWER FOR MUCH LONGER WITHOUT HIM IN DIRECT VICINITY.
DO NOT HESITATE, SINESTRO.
MY DEAREST...THAAL SINESTRO. DON'T LET ME DIE DOWN HERE AGAIN. PLEASE DON'T.
I LOVE YOU SO MUCH.
I MISS YOU SO MUCH.

I'M SURE ABIN HAS A LOT MORE TO SAY TO ALL OF US, BUT YOU'LL FORGIVE ME IF I CUT THE REUNION SHORT.
HAVE SOME RESPECT FOR THE DEAD, JORDAN.
THERE'S NO NEED FOR BANTER.
INDIGO? I KNOW YOU. I--
CONNECTION SEVERED.
CONNECTION SEVERED.

AAAIIEE!
AAIEEEEEE!


WHO WAS SHE?

ABIN'S SISTER.
WHO WAS SHE TO YOU?

NOBODY.

THE DEAD CONTINUE TO RISE. WE NEED TO PULL THIS UNIT TOGETHER QUICKLY, WOMAN. TAKE US TO ATROCITUS--
BEFORE SAINT WALKER?
FROM WHAT WE WITNESSED ON YSMAULT, THE RED LANTERNS' RINGS HAVE REPLACED THEIR HEARTS. THAT MAY GIVE THEM, AND US, AN ADVANTAGE AGAINST THE BLACK LANTERNS.

THE RED LANTERNS ARE UNCONTROLLABLE. THE BLUE LANTERNS ARE THE ONLY ONES THAT CAN DOUSE THE FIRE THE REDS SPIT UP.
FRIENDS BEFORE ENEMIES.
PRESENT COMPANY EXCLUDED.
YOU MIGHT WEAR ABIN'S RING, JORDAN, BUT HIS MISSION IS MINE.

LOVE IT OR HATE IT, WE HAVE TO STAND TOGETHER.
AN EARTHMAN, AN EARTHWOMAN AND AN ALIEN TRIBAL FEMALE WITH A STICK? YOU SAW WHAT I DID TO MONGUL. YOU THREE ARE NO CHALLENGE FOR ME.
THAT'S DEBATABLE. WHAT'S NOT? IF THE UNIVERSE GETS SWALLOWED UP BY DARKNESS, SO DOES KORUGAR.
YOU MAY NOT GIVE A DAMN ABOUT ANY OF OUR WORLDS, BUT I KNOW YOU GIVE A DAMN ABOUT YOURS.

I HAVE OVER A HUNDRED MEMBERS OF MY CORPS OVERHEAD WILLING TO GIVE THEIR LIVES TO DEFEND KORUGAR. FROM ANYTHING.
IS THAT A THREAT?
NO.
IT'S A FACT.

HERE'S ANOTHER FACT: I'M DONE BEING A PAWN IN ALL OF THIS.
A PAWN TO YOU. TO THE GUARDIANS. AND TO EVERY OTHER COLORED CORPS AND RING THAT WANTS TO TAKE ME FOR A TEST DRIVE.
YOU WANT ME IN THE PILOT'S SEAT, LADY, YOU'VE GOT IT.
THE GUARDIANS SCREWED UP. I'M GOING TO CLEAN UP THEIR MESS.
YOU'RE GOING TO HELP, BUT YOU SURE AS HELL AREN'T TAKING CHARGE.
GOT IT?!
CORPS. THIS IS SINESTRO.
YOU WILL CONTINUE TO PROTECT KORUGAR AND THE CENTRAL POWER BATTERY FROM THE BLACK LANTERNS IN MY ABSENCE.
FOR THE DURATION OF THIS ATTACK...THE GREEN LANTERN CORPS ARE NO LONGER ENEMIES TO BE ENGAGED.
NOW AS I BELIEVE CAROL OFTEN SAID TO YOU, JORDAN: "AS LONG AS YOU'RE IN THE SELF-APPOINTED PILOT'S SEAT--"

"'--TRY NOT TO CRASH.'"
SPACE SECTOR 1313.
XANSHI.
HERE, JOHN.
SALVATION IS RIGHT HERE.

ODYM.
HOMEWORLD OF THE BLUE LANTERN CORPS.
MINE!
FLSSH
FLSSH
THE RINGS ARE GETTING CLOSER, GANTHET. PERHAPS THEY SENSE IT. PERHAPS THEY KNOW.
DEATH IS NEAR.
DEATH IS NOT EVIL, GUARDIAN.
THOSE WHO BRING IT TO OTHERS PREMATURELY ARE.
HEE! HEE!
ALL WILL BE WELL.
HEE?
ALL WILL BE WELL.

OUR RINGS, BROTHERS AND SISTERS THEY ARE BACK ONLINE.
WHO HAS ANSWERED OUR PRAYERS?

THIS PLACE...IT'S BEAUTIFUL.
YOU! THE ONE WHO WORE THE RINGS OF GREEN AND BLUE! I WANT--
WANT!
THOOM
THE ORANGE LANTERNS, GANTHET? WHERE DID THEY GO?

OKAARA
HOMEWORLD OF AGENT ORANGE
I WANT IT! I WANT IT!
I WANT
HEE!
I WANT--
HELP!
ZAGH!

AND I WANT YOUR BATTERY, GLUTTON.
NOW.

GREEN LANTERN 48
Cover by Doug Mahnke and
Christian Alamy with Hi-Fi

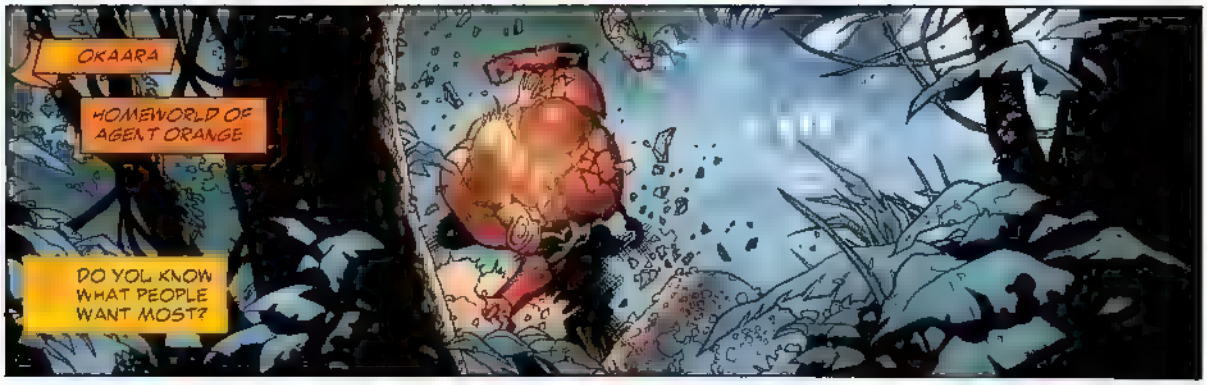
As the heroes' death toll increases, the Black Lanterns' power battery charges. Once full, it's transported to Earth and Black Hand's unseen master reveals himself: Nekron, Lord of the Unliving, rises in Coast City and he is not alone!

Now the universe's last hope lies with Hal Jordan and a band of Lanterns determined to destroy each other...

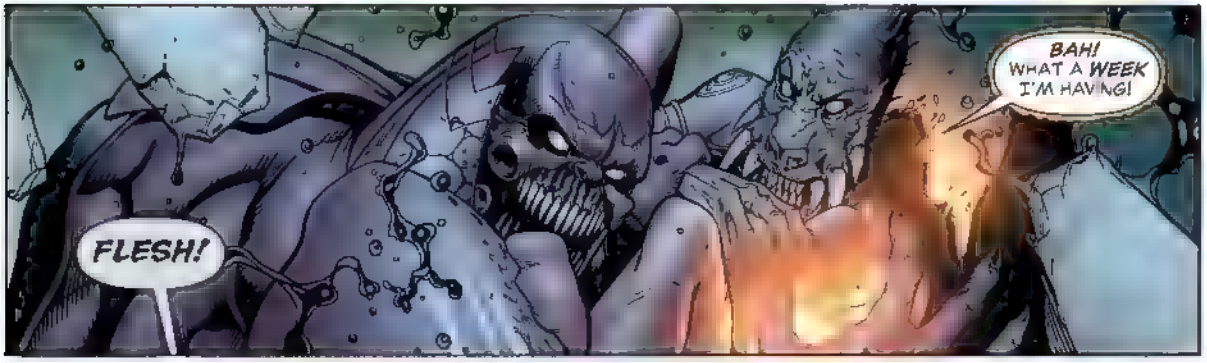
GIMME A BREAK!

DOUG MAHNKE
PENCILS

CHRISTIAN ALAMY
DOUG MAHNKE
TOM NGUYEN
INKS


OKAARA
HOMEWORLD OF AGENT ORANGE
DO YOU KNOW WHAT PEOPLE WANT MOST?

RAGE.
AVARICE.
SOMETHING SOMEBODY ELSE HAS.


BAH! WHAT A WEEK I'M HAVING!
FLESH!

MINE!
RP.

MINE!

OH. NO IT'S NOT!
I BURNED MY NAME N THE BOTTOM OF IT. YOu CAN READ IT RIGHT THERE--!
WHAT A WEEK INDEED!
I HAVE READ THE SCRIPTURES THE GUARDIANS SOUGHT TO HIDE. "THE ONE WHOSE GREED HOLDS NO BOUNDS WILL BETRAY THEM."
DO I KNOW YOU, LOUDMOUTH?!
NO ONE KNOWS ME.
YUMMA!
YOU TOOK MY TREASURES BURIED NEXT TO ME, LARFLEEZE. I DEMAND PAYMENT!
GOBBLE GOBBLE GOBBLE!

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BUT THESE BLACK LANTERNS CERTAINLY KNOW YOU.
THEY DIED AND WERE REBORN IN MY ORANGE LIGHT THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO BE MY CORPS. MY SLAVES.
HEE! HEE!
THEY DON'T BELONG TO YOU ANYMORE.
BUT MY WONDERFUL ORANGE LANTERN DOES!
AS WILL YOUR RED RING, BEASTIE!

I JUST WANTED TO BE LEFT ALONE. LEFT ALONE WITH MY TREASURES!
BUT THE GUARDIANS WOULDN'T *LET* ME BE. AND THEY *DANGLED* A NEW SHINY THING IN FRONT OF MY NOSE.
A NEW SHINY THING! OH!
OH. THAT'S MY *ONE* WEAKNESS!
I GET WHAT I WANT, UNDEAD GOBLINS! AND NOW I *WANT* A BLACK RING!
HEE!
HEE!
MY ORANGE LANTERNS! *GIVE THEM BACK!*
RED LANTERN! *WAKE UP!*
I THINK WE NEED TO RECONSIDER OUR RELATIONSHIP.
FEAR NOT, LARFLEEZE.

ALL WILL BE WELL.
YOU!?!
BLUE LANTERN! IS THIS ATTACK YOUR DOING?
I HAVE NO FEUD WITH YOU, LARFLEEZE. I OFFER, IF NOT MY FRIENDSHIP, MY UNDERSTANDING AND MY LIGHT.
YOUR JUNGLES WILL NO LONGER BURN. AND THE DEAD WILL BOTHER YOU NO MORE.
UNLESS YOU START ANY TROUBLE.
CONNECTION SEVERED.
AAAIEEE
THE STINK OF THIS "ORANGE LANTERN" IS OVERPOWERING THAT OF THE BLACK LANTERNS
IT IS THE ORANGE RING, SINESTRO. NOT HIM.
WHO IS HE?

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UNCLE SCROOGE IF HE HAD A POWER RING
BUT HE REMINDS ME OF GONZO
GONZO D D N'T HAVE HAIR. HE HAD FEATHERS LIKE UNCLE SCROOGE.
CONNECTION SEVERED..
AAaIEee
I AM NOT GONZO OR UNCLE SCROOGE! I AM LARFLEEZE--!
--GUARDIANS?!
IT HAS BEEN EONS SINCE WE FIRST MADE OUR PACT WITH YOU: WE ALLOWED YOU TO REMA N KEEPER OF THE ORANGE LIGHT AND IN AGREEMENT YOU VOWED NEVER TO VENTURE OUTS DE OF THE VEGA SYSTEM
YET YOU D D.
BECAUSE YOUR KIND BREACHED OUR AGREEMENT!
AND YOUR KIND BAMBOOZLED ME YET AGAIN!
WE ARE NO LONGER PART OF THE GUARDIANS OF THE UN VERSE, LARFLEEZE WE ARE
I KNOW WHO YOU ARE THE GUARD ANS BANISHED YOU AS THEY TRIED TO BANISH ME! OH, THOSE TR CKY BLUE F ENDS!
I ASKED BUT ONE THING IN RETURN FOR OUR TRUCE--THE LOCATION OF THE BLUE RING! BUT THESE MIN ATURE MONSTERS D D NOT TELL ME THE PLANET ODYM WOULD BE PROTECTED BY A BLUE LANTERN CORPS.
ONE WITH ITS OWN GUARD ANS! I WANT MY OWN GUARDIANS!

WHAT'S THAT SAY?! I NEVER LEARNED TO READ
BACK UP A STEP, ORANGE CRUSH. THE GUARDIANS TOLD YOU ABOUT ODYM?
WHY?
IN AN ATTEMPT TO EXTINGUISH THE LIGHT.
BUT THEY ONLY CAUSED US TO GLOW BRIGHTER. AND FOR THE ORANGE LANTERNS TO VENTURE INTO THE OPEN.
SO IN AN ATTEMPT TO STOP THE PROPHESIED WAR OF LIGHT--
THOSE FOOLS STARTED T
AND I'D BET THE BLACK LANTERNS ROSE UP BECAUSE THE UNIVERSE HAS BEEN LIT UP LIKE A CHRISTMAS TREE
I WANT A FOREST OF CHRISTMAS TREES! WHATEVER THOSE ARE!
YOU CAME TO OKAARA AND DISTURBED THIS INSANITARY CREATURE, JORDAN. YOU JOURNEYED TO YSMAULT AND ONCE AGAIN FACED ATROCITUS.
DON'T YOU SEE? YOU WERE THE TOOL THE GUARDIANS USED TO START THIS WAR
AND AFTER ALL THIS IS OVER, I'LL QUIT BEFORE I WORK FOR THEM AGAIN.
I'VE HEARD THAT BEFORE.
I MEAN IT
YOU BROUGHT THE PROPHECY ABIN SUR GAVE HIS LIFE TO STOP INTO EXISTENCE!
YOU WANT TO KNOW WHY I HATE YOU, JORDAN?
I'M WAITING WITH BATED BREATH.
EVERY TIME I LOOK AT YOU, YOU REMIND ME MY FRIEND ABIN IS DEAD.
AND THE TRUTH IS, AFTER ALL OF THIS, I REALIZE THE BLACKEST NIGHT WASN'T WHAT ABIN WAS TRYING TO STOP--
--IT WAS YOU.
NO, SINESTRO.

IT WAS ME!

YOU'RE ABOUT TO WEAR A NEW COLOR, LANTERN.
BLACK.
BABUM
SO HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO WRANGLE THIS ONE, INDIGO?
YOU TOO, EARTHMAN.
BABUM

LET ME FORCE HIM TO FEEL COMPASSION FOR THE REST OF THE UNIVERSE.
I AM NOT SO CERTAIN COMPASSION IS WHAT HE LACKS, INDIGO.
BUM
IT IS HOPE.
BABUMBABUMBABUM
BA
BUM
YOUR PAIN AND RAGE LAST ONLY AS LONG AS YOU LET IT.
I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO DO, BLUE LANTERN.
YOU'RE TRYING TO WEAKEN ME.
I KNOW YOU SUFFERED A GREAT LOSS, BUT THERE IS A PLAN TO EVERYTHING.
MAYBE THERE IS A PLAN, WALKER--
--BUT WHO SAID THAT PLAN WAS GOOD?!

YOU MIGHT BE LOUD AND PRIMAL, BUT YOU'RE NOT STUPID.
YOU CAME HERE FOR HELP, WHETHER YOU'LL ADMIT IT OR NOT.
AND YOU CAN BET THOSE BLACK LANTERNS COMING FOR YOU WERE JUST THE FIRST WAVE.
EH?!
EITHER ONE OF YOU WANTS TO SURVIVE, YOU'LL WORK WITH US TO FIND AND DESTROY THE BLACK LANTERN.
NICE SPEECH, JORDAN.
BUT THESE TWO AREN'T GOING TO BE RALLIED BY WORDS.
WE'LL SEE.
WE WON'T NEED TO, JORDAN.
WHAT HAVE YOU DONE, SINESTRO?
WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE
MY CORPSMEN ARE ALREADY HIDING A DOZEN BLINK BOMBS ACROSS OKAARA.
YOU REFUSE TO JOIN US. EVERY ONE OF YOUR POSSESSIONS WILL BE DESTROYED AND I WILL PERSONALLY MOUNT YOUR HEAD ON MY WALL.

AND YOU, ATROCITUS.
YOU. I OFFER MY SERVICES. AFTER THIS IS OVER, MY CORPS JOINS YOURS.
--AND WE DESTROY THE GREEN LANTERN CORPS TOGETHER.
Um, HAL'S RIGHT HERE.
HE KNOWS THAT, CAROL.
I AM NOT HAL JORDAN. I WAS NEVER YOUR ALLY.
AND I NEVER WILL BE.
THE GREEN LANTERNS DIE. YOU DIE. YOUR CORPS DIES.
AND YOUR DAUGHTER DIES.
I DON'T CARE ANYMORE ABOUT THIS WORLD!
I WANT MY OWN GUARDIAN! GIVE ME MY OWN GUARDIAN!

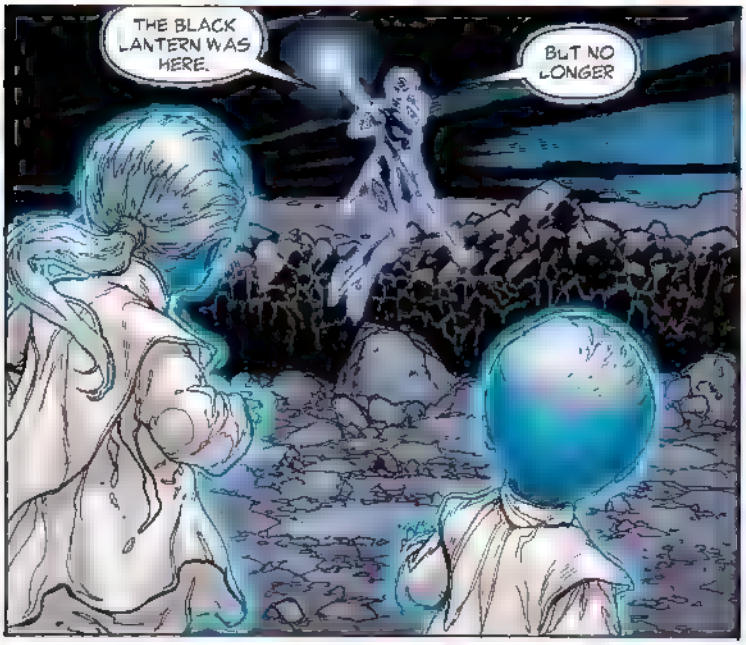
POWER LEVELS 100%
HAL JORDAN OF EARTH.
WHAT IS THAT?
ARE WE TOO LATE?
THE BLACK LANTERNS ARE ENTERING THEIR NEXT PHASE.
WHAT IS IT?
I DO NOT KNOW. WE WERE NEVER TO ALLOW FOR THE BLACK RINGS TO CHARGE.
I AM ..mrrr... CHANNELING THE BLACK RING. I SENSE ITS SOURCE OF POWER. A BLACK HOLE OF EMOTION.
WE CANNOT FAIL MY SAVIOR AB N SUR.
YOUR SAVIOR?

WHERE ARE WE? THIS PLACE REEKS OF DEATH.
SPACE SECTOR 666.
THE PLANET RYUT.
MY HOME.
THIS IS WHAT YOU DID, GANTHET!
WHAT YOUR ANDROIDS DID, SAYD!
SETTLE DOWN.
THE MANHUNTERS CAME ..
... THEY CAME AND WE DID...
... WE DID NOTHING TO DESERVE THIS.
... WE...
WE DID NOTHING.

THE FEARSOME ATROCITUS IS NOT SO FEARSOME AT ALL.
HE ONCE LOVED SOMETHING.
WHAT?
"LIFE"
YOUR RAGE SUBSIDES ON THE VERY SPOT IT WAS BORN.
DO NOT PRETEND TO UNDERSTAND ME, SAINT WALKER.
I LOST MY FAMILY ON A PILGRIMAGE TO SAVE MY PLANET. I CURSED MY GOD AND THIS UNIVERSE.
I WAS ENRAGED TOO
HOW DID THEY DIE?
OUR PILGRIMAGE WAS PERILOUS. THE ACCIDENTS, TRAGIC.
ACCIDENTS?
YES.
THEN WE ARE DIFFERENT.

YOU HAD NO ONE TO BLAME.
THE GUARDIANS' MANHUNTERS DID THIS. THEY ANNIHILATED EVERY LIVING THING IN MY SECTOR. SOMEHOW, THE BLACK LANTERNS ARE THEIR DOING AS WELL.
I WILL FIGHT TO PROTECT LIFE FROM THE BLACK LANTERNS AS I FOUGHT TO PROTECT LIFE HERE FROM THE MANHUNTERS.
BUT WHEN THIS IS OVER, THE GUARDIANS DIE.
DON'T SLAUGHTER THEM ALL, RED LANTERN! I WILL JOIN THIS ALL-LANTERN CORPS AS WELL--
--BUT I WANT SOMETHING IN RETURN!
I WANT MY OWN GUARDIAN.

IF YOU ASSIST US, LARFLEEZE, I WILL PLEDGE MY EVERLASTING SERVITUDE TO YOU.
SAYD, NO--
THE GUARDIANS HAVE BLOOD ON THEIR HANDS, GANTHET. THE MASSACRE OF THIS SPACE SECTOR IS SIMPLY THE FIRST IN A LONG LIST OF FAILINGS. SACRIFICES MUST BE MADE BY US.
GUARDIANS.


THE BLACK LANTERN WAS HERE.
BUT NO LONGER

WHERE DID IT GO?
WE WILL FIND IT, GREEN LANTERN.

AND WE W LL
G VE EVERYTHING
WE HAVE TO
DESTROY IT.
WELL,
NOT EVERY-
THING.

GREEN LANTERN 49
Cover by Ed Benes with Hi-Fi

After eradicating the corrupted Guardian "Scar," Hal's team of Carol Ferris, Sinestro, Atrocitus, St. Walker, Indigo-1 and Larfleeze face the might of Nekron's newly empowered Black Lanterns: Superman, Green Arrow, Kid Flash, Superboy, Ice, Donna Troy, Animal Man and Wonder Woman. All heroes who had once died and returned.

However, the Lanterns stand to lose the war if the battle on the resurrected planet Xanshi isn't won first...

SEMPER FI

ED BENES
MARCOS MARZ
PENCILS

ED BENES
LUCIANA DEL NEGRO
INKS

"Only the dead men have seen the end of war." - Plato
SPACE SECTOR 1313.
XANSHI.
RING. WHO'S THIS BELONG TO? SCAN BATTERY.
SCANNING.
SCAN COMPLETE.
OBJECT IDENTIFIED AS POWER BATTERY 667 2415
ONCE IN POSSESSION OF GREEN LANTERN DRIQ OF SPACE SECTOR 667.
MURDERED BY SINESTRO DURING HIS ATTEMPT TO BESTOW SENTIENCE ONTO SPACE SECTOR 3600. AN APPARENT ERROR IN HIS RING KEPT DRIQ "ALIVE."
IN HIS UNDEAD STATE, DRIQ JOINED YOU AND LANTERN KATMA TUI ON THE HUNT FOR SINESTRO.
AFTER SINESTRO FAILED TO CONQUER SPACE SECTOR 3600, DRIQ PASSED ON
FURTHER [redacted] AS TO THE EXACT REASON DRIQ REMAINED ACTIVE WERE INCONCLUSIVE
THERE ARE BILLIONS OF THEM.
MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN.
THEY'RE COMING FOR YOU, JONATHAN.

ALL OF THEM ARE COMING.
DRIQ?
DESTROY US, YELLOW LANTERN. DESTROY US ALL LIKE YOU DID BEFORE.
I AM THE LAST ONE TO LAUGH WITH HAL IN THE FACE OF DANGER
I DON'T SEEK THE ATTENTION GUY DOES
AND I DON'T KNOW HOW TO PUT MY HEART OUT THERE LIKE KYLE
I USED TO BE CALLED THE "ANGRY" GREEN LANTERN. NOW THEY CALL ME STOIC. THEY'RE BOTH BASICALLY RIGHT
SOMETIMES HAL THINKS I TAKE THIS TOO SERIOUSLY
DAMN RIGHT I DO
WHO AM I?
I AM A SOLDIER WITH A CHIP ON HIS SHOULDER
THAT'S BAD NEWS FOR THE BAD GUYS

SO'S THIS
DRIQ'S OLD BATTERY
THAT'S RIGHT.
STEP ON UP, BOYS AND GIRLS
AND GATHER 'ROUND THE CAMPFIRE.

CHUMM
JOHN.
THAT DIDN'T WORK.
PLEASE TRY SOMETHING ELSE. EVERY SECOND A THOUSAND MORE RISE ACROSS THIS WORLD.
A THOUSAND MORE ON XANSHI LOOKING FOR YOU.
HE DOESN'T BELONG TO THEM, DRIQ.

JOHN.
OH, JOHN I'VE MISSED YOU SO MUCH.
DO YOU REMEMBER THE NIGHT WE FIRST MADE LOVE? I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT IT.
IT WAS UNDER EARTH'S MOON. MY CRIMSON SKIN AGAINST YOURS.
YOU WERE MY FIRST, JOHN. MY ONLY.
I WISH I WAS YOURS.
KAT?
AFTERWARDS, WE DID WHAT NO GREEN LANTERNS DID.

"WE TOLD EACH OTHER OUR FEARS.
JOHN, DAMMIT!
GET YOUR ASS BACK HERE!
BRRRAAAITTT
THAT'S A $%# DAMN ORDER!
"BEFORE YOU EVER JOINED THE GREEN LANTERN CORPS YOU WERE IN ANOTHER. THERE WAS AN ACCIDENT IN A FAR AWAY LAND.
"TWO FLYING WAR MACHINES COLLIDED AND CRASHED. YOUR FRIEND WAS IN ONE.
ZZPP
"YOU WENT AFTER HIM ALONE.
ZZPP
ZZPP
ZZPP
"BUT IT WAS TOO LATE.
"HIS BODY WAS STRIPPED OF WEAPONS, CLOTHES AND DIGNITY AND PARADED ACROSS THE DIRTY STREETS.

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"THERE WAS NOTHING YOU COULD DO, BUT THINK ABOUT HOW HE FELT WHEN HE WAS KILLED BY THAT MOB.
"YELLED AT IN A LANGUAGE HE COULDN'T UNDERSTAND.
KA-PWW
GET THE HELL AWAY FROM H.M.
"YOU WOULD'VE SHOT EVERY ONE OF THOSE SCAVENGERS.
KA-GHEWW

"HOW MANY HUMANS DID YOU KILL AGAIN THAT DAY, JOHN?
"FIVE? TEN?
KAPWW
"IF THEY HADN'T RUN, WOULD YOU HAVE KILLED THEM ALL?
"YES.
"YOU KNOW YOU WOULD.
FLAK

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KAPWW
"YOU DIDN'T FEEL ANYTHING WHEN YOU SHOT THEM.
"THOUGH YOU KNOW IT WAS WRONG, KILLING WASN'T WHAT YOU WERE AFRAID OF.
COME ON.
I'M BRINGING YOU HOME
BAP!
BAP!
"YOU WERE AFRAID OF DYING ON A FOREIGN LAND SURROUNDED BY UNFRIENDLY FACES.
"YOUR BODY LEFT TO ROT."

DO YOU THINK THEY'LL COME FOR YOUR BODY, JOHN?
ARE YOU FRIGHTENED?
I'M NOT AFRAID OF A DAMN THING
YOU'VE TRIED TO RECREATE XANSHI WITH YOUR RING. NOW THEY'RE HERE. THEY'RE BACK. YOU MUST FEEL SOMETHING FOR THESE LIVES YOU TOOK.
WILL.
A BLACK RING DID WHAT YOU COULDN'T. IT RESURRECTED THE PLANET YOU KILLED.
YOU'RE THROWING MY OWN WORDS AGAINST ME, BUT I'M WRONG. I DIDN'T KILL ANYONE. I FAILED TO SAVE THEM.
AFTER YOU... AFTER XANSHI AFTER THE THINGS I'VE SEEN AND DONE IN THE NAME OF WAR ON EARTH AND IN SPACE ..I SHOULD ALREADY KNOW I CAN'T SAVE EVERYONE.
AND IT'S ABOUT TIME I ACCEPTED THAT.
WILL.
IT'S TIME TO MOVE ON

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IT'S TRUE WHAT THEY SAY: THE CORPS DOESN'T BUILD CHARACTER IT REVEALS IT
I'M A SOLDIER WITH A CHIP ON HIS SHOULDER.
AND I WILL BE UNTIL THE DAY I DIE.
JOHN, YOU HAVE TO CARE--
I DO CARE. THAT'S WHY I STILL FIGHT.
I'LL FIGHT A WHOLE DAMN PLANET OF YOU IF I HAVE TO.
BRRRITT
GREEN LANTERN?
I CAN'T FIND MY MOTHER.

AND LIKE THAT, THE BOY SHOWS ME THIS S ALL A WASTE OF T ME.
THESE TH NGS AREN'T OUT TO KILL ME. AT LEAST NOT YET. THEY WANT ME TO FEEL SOMETH NG.
THIS IS SOME KIND OF GAME.
THEY WANT ME TO STAY HERE AND FIGHT THEM ALL, BUT T'S A DISTRACTION.
YOU CAN'T WIN A WAR BY YOURSELF, JOHN.
PERSONAL OR OTHERWISE.
YOU'RE R GHT, KAT THANK YOU.
IT'S T ME I FINALLY BUR ED XANSH AND YOU L KE I'VE BURIED EVERYTHING ELSE
BUT I NEED A REAL CORPS TO DO THAT. AND OA'S RIGHT AROUND THE--
OH. DAMN

SO MUCH FOR THE CAVALRY
IF ANYONE ON EARTH CAN HEAR ME, THIS IS GREEN LANTERN JOHN STEWART
YOU'VE GOT INCOMING.
NEXT:
BLACK LANTERN
SPECTRE

GREEN LANTERN 50
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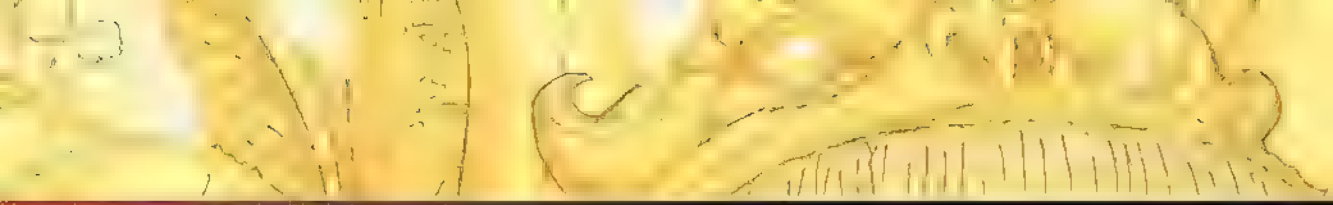

According to the Book of Oa, in the shadow of the Blackest Night the rings of the various colored Corps can deputize an individual for twenty-four hours.

Now the Flash, Mera, Wonder Woman, the Atom, Scarecrow, Lex Luthor and Ganthet have been recruited to fight for the fate of the universe.

But threats from Hal Jordan's past may eclipse them all and dim the Green Lantern light forever...

PARALLAX REBIRTH
PART ONE

DOUG MAHNKE
PENCILS

CHRISTIAN ALAMY
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DOUG MAHNKE
INKS

Welcome to
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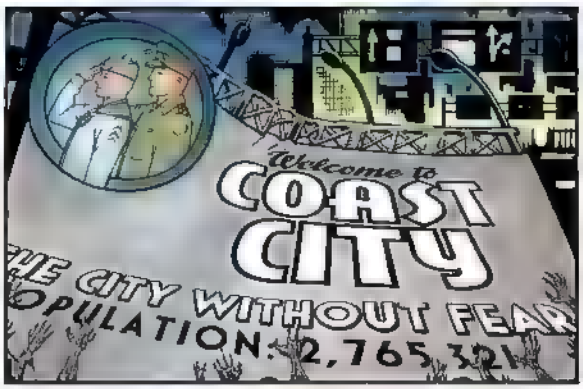
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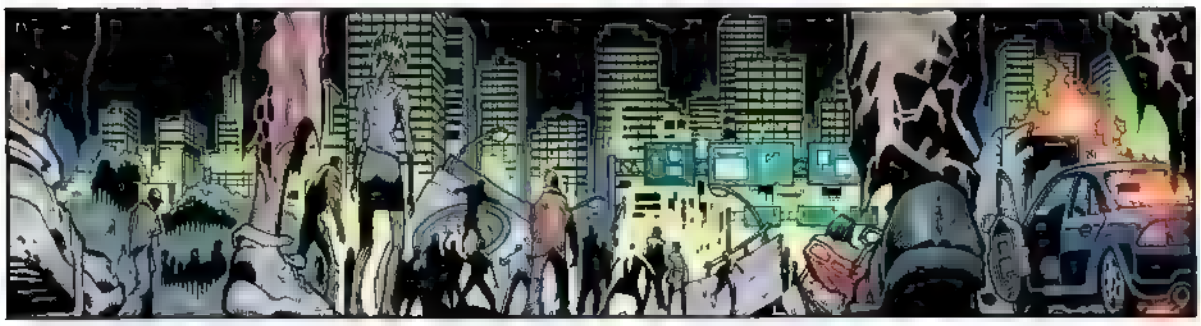
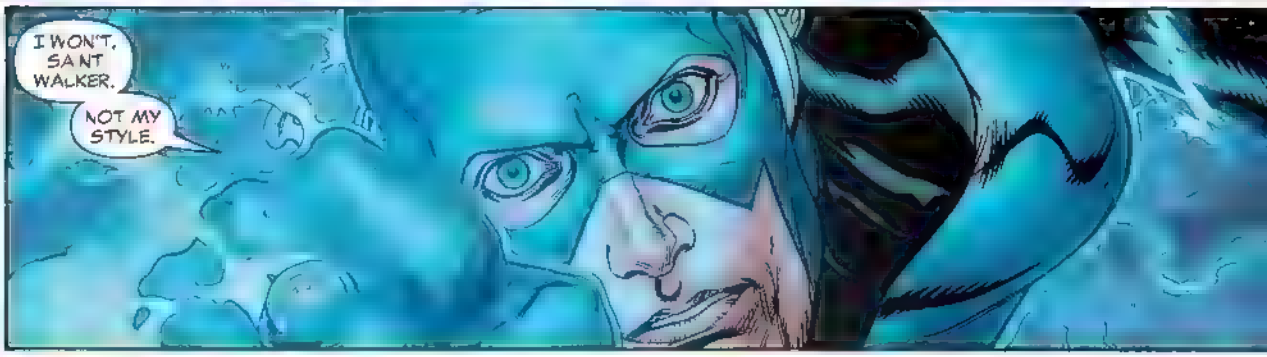


AAAAAIIEEE!
THIS ISN'T EXACTLY WHAT I PICTURED WHEN I THOUGHT OF BACKUP, GANTHET
CONNECTION SEVERED.

JASON DOESN'T SAY, "HI!" FLASH.
HE SAYS "HELP ME, PLEASE, HELP ME! THIS HURTS! IT HURTS SO BAD!"
THERE IS NO NEED TO FEAR FOR JASON RUSCH OR YOURSELF, BROTHER ALLEN.
DO NOT HESITATE.


I WON'T, SAINT WALKER.
NOT MY STYLE.

ALL WILL BE WELL.
AAARRRR!!!

LET GO OF ME!!
LET GO!
NEVER, JASON!
I LIKE YOUR BRAIN TOO MUCH, DUDE!

YOU SEETHE WITH RAGE, MERA.
ARTHUR?
I UNDERSTAND. I DO.
I LOVED OUR SON TOO.
I LOVED HIM SO--
I NEVER WANTED CHILDREN.
BABUM
EARTHWOMAN. I HAVE NOTHING TO SAY BUT--
--WELCOME TO THE RED LANTERN CORPS.
COME BACK, MY KING!

SHE'S DYING, CAROL. EVERY SECOND THAT BLACK RING IS ON HER, SHE'S DYING
WHAT CAN WE DO TO SAVE DONNA?
SEAL HER OFF, WONDER WOMAN SLOW THE PROCESS UNTIL WE FIND A WAY TO REVIVE HER.
LEK ROL KLA BERTRAM LARVAN. NURA FLAK BUG-EYED BANDIT.
NOK
CONNECTION SEVERED.
AAAAIEEE!
THE ATOM AND WONDER WOMAN? MERA AND THE FLASH?
FINE. WELCOME TO THE CLUB.
BUT I'M NOT ABOUT TO LEAVE A POWER RING IN THE HANDS OF MANIACS LIKE THE SCARECROW AND LEX LUTHOR.
THE RINGS CHOOSE WHO THEY CHOOSE, JORDAN.
OH, YES!
FEAR THE SCARECROW!!
HEEHEE HEEHEE!

I DON'T CARE WHO THE RINGS CHOSE. I WANT THEM OFF THOSE PSYCHOS!
WHAT DO YOU THINK I'M TRYING TO DO, GREEN LANTERN?
SHARE?!?!
GIMME THAT BACK, YOU THIEF!
NO.
S'MINE
DAMMIT, WE NEED TO REGROUP AND HIT NEKRON NOT EACH OTHER.
WE'VE GOT BILLIONS OF BLACK LANTERNS IN SPACE RIGHT OVER OUR HEADS--
HAL JORDAN.

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IT WON'T BE THE FIRST TIME.
SURRKSHGHP
YOU SPEND YOUR LIFE WITHOUT CONSIDERING CONSEQUENCE.
KRATCH
BUT THERE IS CONSEQUENCE.
YOU WILL REJOIN ME AND DELIVER THE CONSEQUENCE OF LIVING TO EVERYONE.
DEATH IS INEVITABLE.
JUDGMENT MUST BE MADE.

HAL JORDAN OF EARTH.
WELCOME TO THE BLACK LANTERN CORPS
AAARGGGG!

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RELEASE HIM!
THE SPECTRE RELEASES NO ONE.
CHMP
GUARDIANS?!

SAY "AH!"
GANTHET!
HOLD ON
Whew.
AND I THOUGHT THEY SMELLED BAD ON THE OUTSIDE
YOU CANNOT ESCAPE JUDGMENT, HAL JORDAN!
YOU THINK YOU'RE THE FIRST ONE TO CONDEMN US, SPECTRE?
I DON'T CARE HOW TALL YOU ARE GET IN LINE WITH EVERYONE ELSE
THUNK
BATS IN THE BELFRY!
HEEHEEHEE!
SCARECROW!
STOP YOUR INANE GIGGLING AND FIGHT ALONGSIDE YOUR CORPS
AS LONG AS YOU KEEP BATHING ME IN YOUR LIGHT I'LL DO WHATEVER YOU WANT, SINESTRO.

KREE
KREE
KREE
KREE
KREE
KREE
KREE
KREE
KREE
I'M TERRIFIED.
I'M SHAKING.
KREE
KREE
KREE
I DON'T NEED THE BATMAN CHASING ME ANYMORE.
MMM.
IT'S SO WONDERFUL TO BE AFRAID AGAIN.
I JUST NEED THIS RING.

OH, NO! YOU'VE GOT SOMETHING IN YOUR EYE!
HEEHEE HEEHEE!
JONATHAN CRANE.
YOU HAVE THE ABILITY TO INSTILL GREAT FEAR.
YOU WILL DO THAT AS YOUR NAMESAKE.
AARRGHH!

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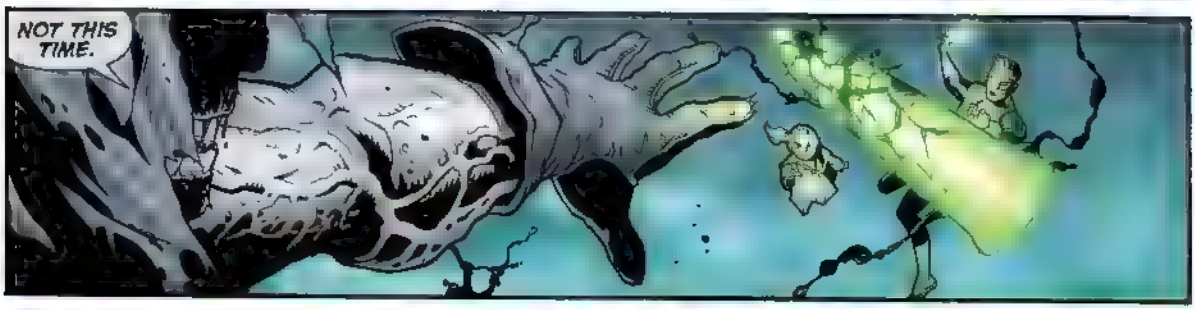
I SENSE GREAT RAGE WITHIN THIS BLACK LANTERN
WHAT IS IT ABOUT THIS ONE? WHAT IS INSIDE IT?
BABUMBABUMBABUMB

SAAAIEE!
CONNECTION--
SPLRCHH

NO.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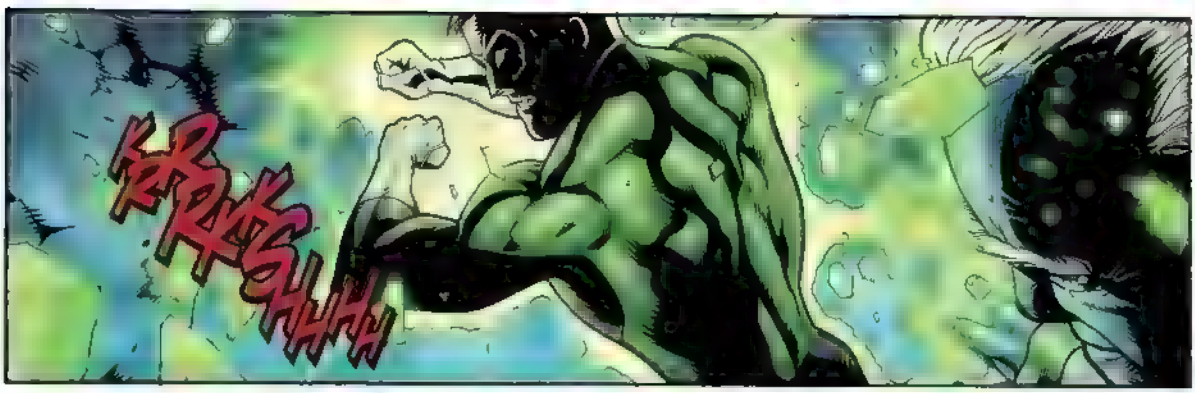
KRRK SHH

WHY THE HELL DIDN'T THAT WORK?
THE SPIRIT OF VENGEANCE S BEING HELD W THIN TH S BLACK LANTERN YOU KNOW F RST HAND THE POWER THE SPECTRE CONTA NS--
--IT NEARLY ECLIPSES OUR OWN.
IT DOES ECLIPSE YOUR OWN, GUARDIAN.
THE SPIRIT OF VENGEANCE IS ABSOLUTE RAGE FUSED WITH DEATH.
IT MUST BELONG TO US, MERA.
AND THEN WE KILL THE KING.
YOUR OLD KING, MERA.

GANTHET, YOU CAN SUMMON MY POWER BATTERY, RIGHT?
YES.
JOHN'S TOO? KYLE'S AND GUY'S?
WHY?
BECAUSE WE NEED THE ONE THING THAT MIGHT BE ABLE TO BEAT THE SPECTRE.
"WHEN I WAS POSSESSED BY PARALLAX AND THEN MERGED WITH THE SPECTRE I WAS TRAPPED IN AN ENDLESS TUG-OF-WAR BETWEEN THE TWO
W-WE DID IT TOGETHER NOW. DESTROY
...DESTROY PARALLAX!
DO NOT ORDER ME.
I AM NOT YOUR RING. I AM THE SPECTRE.
"--WAS LEAVE.
SPECTRE, WAIT!
"BUT WHEN WE WERE FINALLY SEPARATED, THE FIRST THING THE SPECTRE DID--
"HE WAS SCARED OF PARALLAX."

PARALLAX IS *INSIDE* YOUR POWER BATTERIES?
AFTER WE YANKED KYLE FREE, WE DIVIDED PARALLAX AND IMPRISONED HIM IN FOUR DIFFERENT LOCATIONS.
WE THOUGHT ONE OF OUR BATTERIES MIGHT FALL INTO THE WRONG HANDS, NAMELY *YOURS*, BUT NEVER ALL FOUR.
YOU CAN FREE HIM, SINESTRO
THEN *WHAT?*
THEN I CAN BECOME PARALLAX AND GET THE SPECTRE OUT OF OUR WAY
YOU DON'T KNOW HOW TO *CONTROL* PARALLAX. I SHOULD BE THE ONE
I *WILL* BE THE ONE.
FREE

FREEE!

NO WAY.
I'M NOT LETTING YOU NEAR PARALLAX.
NOR I, YOU.
HAL?
LAST TIME YOU DESTROYED THE CORPS.
LAST TIME WAS DIFFERENT
I LOST COAST CITY NOW I'M PROTECTING IT
I MADE A VOW.
NO FEAR.
NEVER AGAIN.
HAL, STOP!

PLEASE DON'T DO TH S.
I HAVE NO CHOICE, CAROL.
THE SPECTRE HAS TO BE STOPPED
WE MAY NOT BE TOGETHER ANYMORE, BUT YOU'RE STILL N MY LIFE.
I DON'T WANT TO LOSE YOU AGAIN.
YOU GET ME FREE AS SOON AS THE JOB IS DONE AND YOU WON'T.
NOW THERE'S NO MORE TIME TO--
--mmMMFFF.
LOVE.

CAROL, I
I LOVE YOU. NOW GO.
EEEEEE!
ALL RIGHT, FEAR-ASAURUS. LET'S TRY THIS AGAIN.
WITH PLEASURE.
FEAR
AAARGGH!!!

YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING, JORDAN!
JORDAN!
BOOOOMMM
JORDAN'S NOT HERE ANYMORE, SINESTRO.
IT'S JUST ME.
SO...
...SPECTRE.

WHERE WERE WE?

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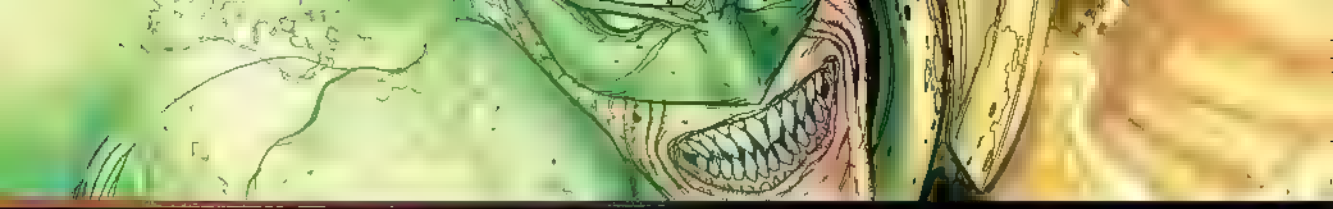

The battle rages on as all the colored Lanterns converge on Earth to battle the Black Lanterns.

But it still may not be enough without a sacrifice...

PARALLAX REBIRTH
PART TWO

DOUG MAHNKE
ART

GIVE IT BACK!

GIVE IT BACK? FROM WHAT I'VE BEEN ABLE TO LEARN THROUGH ILLUMINANT OSMOSIS, ALIEN, THE POWER SOURCE YOU WIELD IS AT ITS STRONGEST WHEN ONE INDIVIDUAL MIND IS MANNED INTO ONE INDIVIDUAL RING.
GIMME!
HAS YOUR PRIMATE BRAIN EVEN REALIZED THAT THE ORANGE LIGHT SHARES THE SAME METHODOLOGY OF CORPS BUILDING AS THE BLACK RINGS APPEAR TO?
I DO NOT UNDERSTAND YOUR BABBLING.
OF COURSE YOU DON'T
I DO NOT LIKE YOU VERY MUCH EITHER
LIKE THE BLACK LANTERNS, THE LIVES AN ORANGE LANTERN TAKES BECOME HIS SOLDIERS.
MY LANTERNS.
AND SUPERMAN WILL BE ONE OF THEM!
HE WILL BE MINE!

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NO, HAIRLESS EARTHMAN!
I HAVE GONE THROUGH SUCH HORRIBLE THINGS TO POSSESS THIS BATTERY I TRADED MY BIRTHRIGHT! I WILL TAKE YOUR LIFE BEFORE YOU TAKE THE ORANGE LIGHT!
YOU DO NOT KNOW AVARICE!
I DON'T KNOW IT? WE ALL KNOW IT ON MY WORLD, ORANGE LANTERN
ON MY WORLD LIFE IS ABOUT OWNING THINGS.
THEN PERHAPS THIS PLANET IS WORTH SAVING AFTER ALL
THOOOMM

I'S SO VERY GOOD TO BE BACK.

WHAT CAN WE DO, GANTHET?
BUT HAL...
UNTIL THE SPECTRE IS OUT OF OUR WAY WE MUST HEED HAL JORDAN'S WISHES AND PROTECT THE PEOPLE OF COAST CITY
HAL CHOSE THIS, CAROL. AND WE MUST LET HAL FIGHT HIS OWN BATTLE. AT LEAST FOR THE MOMENT
CONNECTION SEVERED.
AAAIEEE!
YOU'RE KEEPING INTERESTING COMPANY, MERA
WHERE'S MY KING, GARTH? TELL ME OR BURN
MERA, YOU WANT TO MAINTAIN ANY SEMBLANCE OF CONTROL. THEN STAY AWAY FROM THE BLACK LANTERNS YOU HAVE A CONNECTION WITH
NO.
CONNECTION SEVERED.
AAAIEEEE!
HER GROWING RAGE NOT ONLY EMPOWERS HER, IND'GO EARTHMAN. IT EMPOWERS ME.
BUT THE CRIMSON LIGHT FEELS AN EVEN GREATER RAGE IN OUR PRESENCE
HAL'S ALWAYS THOUGHT HE COULD HANDLE MORE THAN HE CAN
I KNOW YOU'RE CONCERNED AND AS SOON AS HE'S ANQUISHED THE BLACK LANTERN, WE'LL EXORCISE PARALLAX FROM HIM.
CONNECTION SEVERED.
"BUT IF WE GET BETWEEN THOSE TWO NOW
" WE WOULD BE INCINERATED AS AN AFTERTHOUGHT "
AND YOU DO REMEMBER ME, DON'T YOU SPECTRE?
I AM THE CREATURE YOU ATTEMPTED TO BURN OUT LIKE A SIMPLE VIRUS WHEN YOU ATTACHED TO ME AND MY COURAGEOUS HOST
HOW I'VE MISSED MY HOST
HAL JORDAN.

HAL JORDAN HAS MUCH TO ANSWER FOR!
AS DO YOU, TERRORMONGER!
WILL.
FEAR.
YOU ARE MORE LIKELY TO ERADICATE THE COLOR YELLOW FROM REALITY THAN YOU ARE TO ERADICATE ME, BLACK LANTERN.
FEAR WILL ALWAYS EXIST.
SO WILL RAGE. VENGEANCE!
AND I AM VENGEANCE!
NO.
YOU ARE A MASQUERADE.

A SHELL HIDING THE TRUE SPECTRE!
YOU MAY FOOL OTHER LIVING THINGS INTO BELIEVING YOUR FACADE, BLACK LANTERN, BUT I KNOW WHAT YOU CONCEAL BENEATH YOUR LIFELESS PROGRAMMING
BENEATH THIS UNDEAD CONSTRUCT LIES MY ULTIMATE ENEMY.
WHERE?
WHERE ARE YOU, SPIRIT?
DO YOU NOT WISH TO STILL JUDGE ME?
YES, PARALLAX

YOU WILL BE JUDGED.

LOOK AT YOU.
GOD'S WEAPON OF BLOODY JUSTICE, CHAINED AND IMPRISONED BY THE MUTATED AND MALIGNED CARCASS OF YOUR HUMAN SHELTER.
YES.
WE BOTH KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO FIND THAT SPECIAL SOMEBODY, DON'T WE? HAL JORDAN. CRISPUS ALLEN.
AND CRISPUS ALLEN IS THE CAUSE OF THIS ALL. HIS BODY WAS TAKEN BY...
...A BLACK RING...
...THE REAL RING. JUST AS YOU ARE THE TRUE SPECTRE UNDERNEATH THIS CORPSE, SO THIS BLACK RING IS THE TRUE SOURCE OF YOUR IMPRISONMENT.
AARRGHHH!

I RELEASE YOU.
CONNECTION SEVERED.

AAAIIEEEE!

HAL JORDAN DID IT
THEN WE NEED TO SAVE HIM, BEFORE--
SAVE ME, CAROL? NO.
NO, I'M NOT THE ONE WHO NEEDS TO BE SAVED
THE SPECTRE WILL BE DESTROYED!
YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR COUNTLESS MURDERS YOU HAVE SPREAD TERROR AND FUELED KILLERS AND SADISTS THROUGHOUT THE UNIVERSE
SAVE THE ANTI-MONITOR, YOU HAVE MORE BLOOD ON YOUR HANDS THAN ANY BEING I HAVE EVER FACED
YOU WILL DIE TODAY, PARALLAX--

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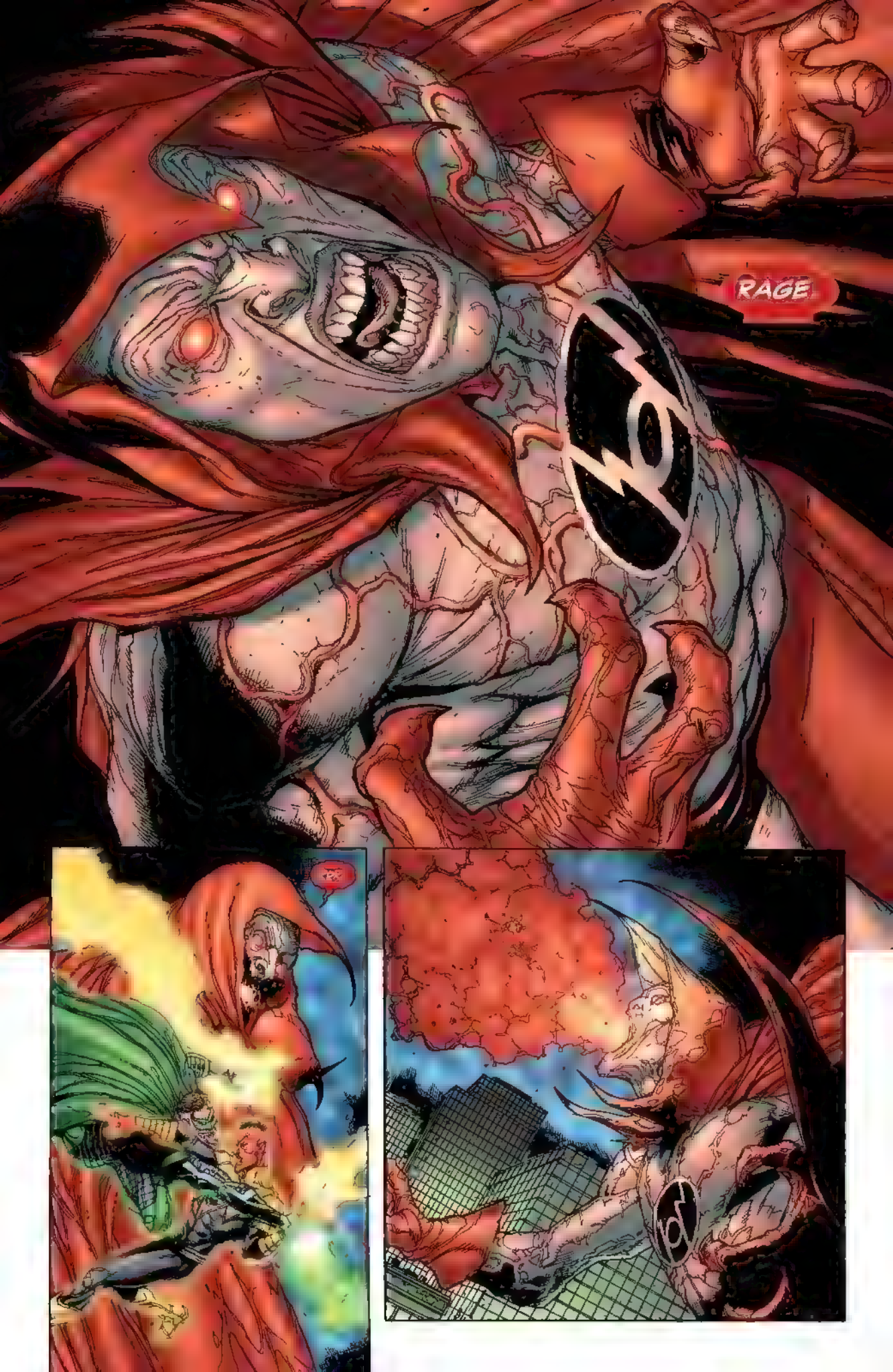
--EVEN IF HAL JORDAN MUST DIE WITH YOU!
THIS BEING IS AS BLIND AS PARALLAX TO THE TRUE THREATS AROUND US.
WE MUST WIELD THIS SPIRIT OF RAGE, MERA. WE MUST USE IT TO SAVE LIFE.
I WILL NOT FAIL THE UNIVERSE AS I FAILED RYUT.
DON'T TRY TO PLAY TOUGH, SPECTRE.
I SEE YOU.

YOU NEED TO BE PUT BACK ON A LEASH.
YOU DON'T CONTROL ME, SINESTRO.
I WASN'T TALKING TO YOU, PARALLAX I WAS TALKING TO JORDAN.
YES. YOU GO AFTER YOUR ENTITY, SINESTRO.
I'LL GO AFTER MINE.
FEEL THE CONNECTION, SPIRIT OF VENGEANCE. REMEMBER WHAT YOU ARE.
JOIN MY CORPS.
BABUM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I AM NOT THE ENTITY OF RAGE YOURS!
I AM GOD'S RAGE, NOT YOURS!
BUT I KNOW OF THE CRIMSON CREATURE OF ANGER ATROCITUS! I HAVE FACED HIM!
IF YOU SEEK HIM OUT, HE WILL DESTROY YOU!
PARALLAX.
IT IS TRUE, I FEAR YOU AND YOUR KIND I FEAR THE PRIMITIVE POWER OF EMOTIONS
BUT THAT FEAR WILL CONNECT ME TO YOU
--WHILE HAL JORDAN IS ANCHORED TO HER.
WHAT?
GRAB HIM. NOW!
LOVE
RELEASE ME, SAPPHIRE!

NO!
CAROL?
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
LET ME GO!
PARALLAX?
COME TO ME, PARALLAX.
BEFORE THE SPECTRE DESTROYS YOU!
WHAT'S HAPPENING TO IT?
RING? WHERE'S PARALLAX GOING?
FEAR ENTITY IS BEING PULLED AWAY BY UNKNOWN FORCE
LOCATION AND REASON UNDETERMINED
TERREBONNE PARISH, LOUISIANA
BELLE REVE PRISON
OH! OH NO NO NO!
HECTOR HAMMOND
I HAS PARALLAX

SPECTRE'S BACK ON OUR SIDE?
NOT TRYING TO ORDER YOU AROUND, BIG GUY, BUT WE COULD USE A HAND.
I AM QUITE AWARE OF THAT, HAL JORDAN.
NEKRON.
YOU HAVE VIOLATED THE LAWS OF LIFE AND DEATH AND PERVERTED THE BODIES OF GOOD SOULS FOR EVIL DEEDS
YOU WILL BE JUDGED.

I CANNOT STRIKE YOU DOWN
BECAUSE I HAVE NO SOUL TO JUDGE, SLAVE. I AM NOT ALIVE. I AM DARKNESS.
YOU HAVE NO POWER OVER ME.
BEGONE.
AAARGGGHH!

THE UNIVERSE WILL DIE NOW.

GREEN LANTERN 52
Cover by Doug Mahnke and Christian Alamy with Randy Mayor

Spilling the blood of one of the Guardians allows Nekron to reveal Earth's oldest and greatest secret.

Buried within our planet is the Entity, the living light that triggered our universe into existence.

Enraged by the lies perpetuated by the self-proclaimed Guardians of the Universe, Sinestro takes matters into his own hands, claiming the white light for himself. May the universe beware his power...

LIFE BLOOD

DOUG MAHNKE
PENCILS

CHRISTIAN ALAMY
DOUG MAHNKE
REBECCA BUCHMAN
KEITH CHAMPAGNE

10,000 FEET ABOVE COAST CITY
AAAIIEE!
CONNECTION SEVERED.
STAY BRIGHT FOLLOW MY LEAD. RIGHT NOW, WE'RE ALL MARCHING TO THE SAME ORDERS
YA HEARD JOHNNY FAR AS I'M CONCERNED YER ALL POOZERS.
FOR. THE. MOMENT. GREEN. LANTERN.
I AM THE GREATEST LANTERN OF THEM ALL!
AAAAIIIEEEE
RECEIVING DATA SUGGESTING EVERY BLACK LANTERN WITHIN EARTH'S ORBIT AND OUTSIDE OF IT HAS TARGETED COAST CITY.
CONFIRMED.
SOMETHING IS DRAWING THEM AWAY
HAL? I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON DOWN THERE, BUT WHATEVER IT'S--
- IT'S GOT THEIR ATTENTION.
MEANING WHAT, EXACTLY?

THE SKY IS FALLING.

THANKS FOR THE HEADS UP
NO. A BIG SHINY LIGHT NAMED SINESTRO.
YES
THIS IS MY DESTINY

YOU HAVE NO IDEA THE POWER I NOW POSSESS NEKRON
I AM ONE WITH EVERY LIVING THING IN THIS UNIVERSE FROM THE BACTERIA IN THE AIR TO THE GUARDIANS THEMSELVES
I AM THE CENTER OF IT ALL!
"I SEE YOUR BIRTH YOUR VIOLENT ENTRANCE INTO THE BARREN AND ENDLESS SPACE SENT HERE BY ACCIDENT OR WITH PURPOSE, KRONA DOES NOT EVEN KNOW
CASTING YOUR PRESENCE ACROSS THE ENTIRE UNIVERSE
LIGHT FIGHTING BACK DARKNESS BY CREATING THE STARS AND PLANETS
CREATING YOUR SHELTER EARTH, AT THE VERY SPOT YOU WERE THRUST INTO THE UNIVERSE
"THE PLANET IN WHICH YOU MADE YOUR HOME UNDER MOLTEN ROCK
" -AND PRIMORDIAL WATERS
"I SEE YOU TOUCH THE OCEANS, TRANSFORMING THEM INTO SEAS OF SPONTANEOUS LIFE OVERFLOWING WITH EVOLUTION, GAINING COMPLEXITY CONJURING THOUGHT
"I WATCH THE FIRST SENTIENT CREATURE IN THE UNIVERSE TO EVER WILL ITSELF TO MOVE DO JUST THAT
"AND THIS THE ORIGIN OF WILLPOWER ITSELF
"THE CREATURE IGNITES WITH EMERALD LIGHT AND TRANSFORMS ELEVATED ABOVE THE OTHERS "
I AM
THE ALL SINISTRO OF KORLLAR
YES I HEAR YOU
I SEE YOU

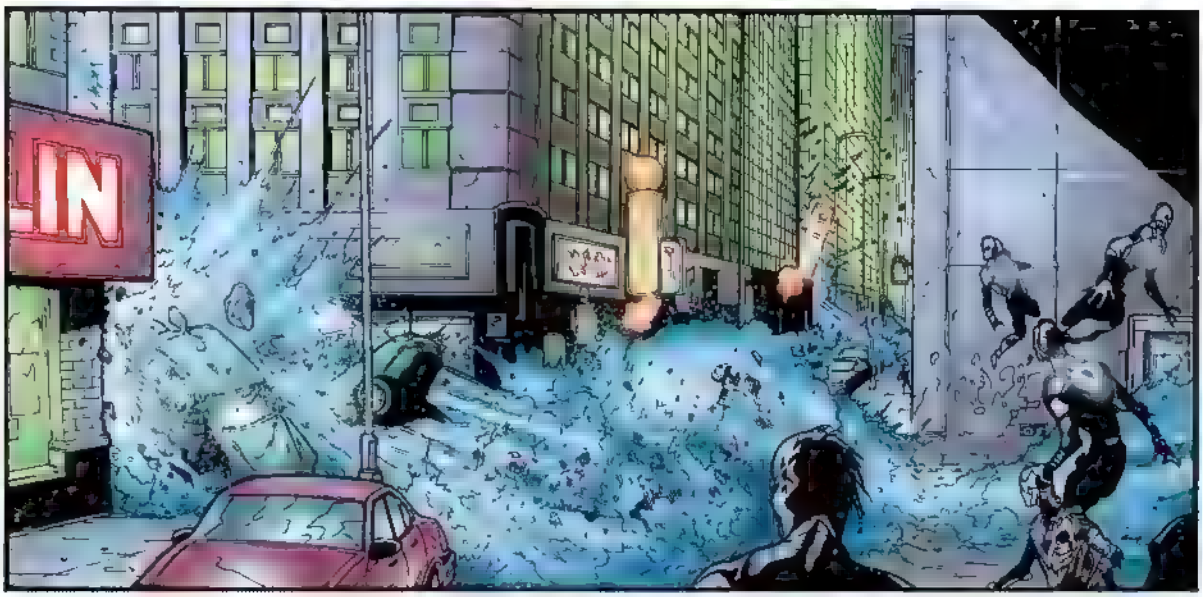
"IT IS ION
"THOUSANDS OF YEARS FLY BEFORE MY EYES AS THE CREATURES ESCAPE EARTH'S OCEANS AND CRAWL TO LAND
"SOME TAKE TO THE AIR
"FLEEING FOR SURVIVAL, THIS THING TRANSFORMS INTO THE EMOTIONAL POWER IT EMITS
"FEAR IS BORN
"AND THUS PARALLAX.
AS LOVE IGNITES INTO EXISTENCE SO DOES THE PREDATOR"
"AS A CREATURE EATS WHAT IT DOES NOT NEED, AVARICE CONSUMES ALL IT TOUCHES
"RAGE GROWS FROM MURDER
"HOPE FROM PRAYER
SINESTRO!
AND AT LAST COMPASSION IS OFFERED TO US ALL"
SINESTRO, LOOK OUT!

WE LIVE.
NO!

YOU DIE.
SHRRRAKKKD
SINESTRO!
YOU CANNOT HIDE FROM ME ANY LONGER, ENTITY. IN THE EARTH OR IN A BEING WEARING A RING, IT DOES NOT MATTER.
Gglt... ttt.
I WILL DIG YOU OUT AND I WILL END YOU AND THUS ALL THE LIFE YOU HAVE HELPED SPAWN.
WHOEVER OR WHATEVER SENT YOU HERE WILL REGRET IT.

NDIGO! WALKER! SEE IF YOU CAN HELP--!
KRK KOOM
ABNORMAL SEISMIC ACTIVITY DETECTED.
JOHN, WE'VE GOT MAJOR REPERCUSSIONS DOWN HERE. XANSH 'S GRAVITATIONAL FIELD IS INTERSECTING W TH EARTH'S IT'S GO NG TO TEAR OUR PLANET APART. STARTING WITH COAST CITY.
MIGHT GET WORSE BEFORE T GETS BETTER HA. XANSH IS LIGHTING UP
--WHOA!
"IT JUST FIRED A BEAM MISSED COAST C TY BY A--"
"JOHN.."

"I DON'T THINK IT WAS A M NG FOR COAST CITY."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I'VE GOT THE WAVES HANDLED, BUT I NEED XANSH TAKEN OUT OF THE FIGHT.
NOT TO MENT ON ALL THE BLACK LANTERNS FLY NG DOWN FROM T.
THE SK ES ARE GOING DARK. TALK TO ME, JOHN.
I'M ON IT, HAL.
I CAN SENSE YOUR HEAVY HEART, JOHN STEWART THE WEIGHT OF MY WORLD ST LL LIES HEAVILY ON YOUR SHOULDERS
IT'S ON EVERYONE'S RIGHT NOW, FATALITY

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WHEN I WAS IN THE MARINES, I PULLED THE TR GGER AS MANY T MES AS I HAD TO IN ORDER TO SAVE MY OWN _FE AND THE LIVES OF MY FE_LOW MAR NES.
I DO THE SAME THING EVERY DAY IN THE GREEN LANTERN CORPS.
BJT I'VE TRIED TO DED CATE THE OTHER S DE OF MY _IFE TO BJ LDING THINGS UP INSTEAD OF TEAR NG THEM DOWN.
BECAUSE YOU'RE TRYING TO REPLACE WHAT YOU'VE LOST.
YOU TOLD ME THAT WHEN YOU HELD ME IN YOUR ARMS THAT FIRST NIGHT TOGETH--
YOU'RE NOT KATMA TL!
AND THIS SN'T XANSHI.
AAAAIEEE!
THESE BLACK R NGS ARE TRY NG TO PERVERT OUR MEMOR ES, BUT I REFUSE TO LET THEM.
CONNECTION SEVERED.
I ACCEPT THE FACT THAT AS MUCH AS I BJ LD, I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO REPLACE MY W FE. OR YOUR PLANET.
BUT I'_L BE DAMNED F I LET THAT DESTROY ME ANY MORE THAN I ALREADY HAVE.
--GGNN--
JOHN.
DR Q?
--GGNNNGNGG--
I HAVE BEEN SCANNING THIS PLANET FOR ITS STRUCTURAL WEAKNESS AS YOU HAVE, JOHN.
AND LIKE MOST THINGS, THE WEAKNESSES ARE BURIED DEEP WITHIN.

MY LIGHT IS HAVING NO EFFECT ON HIS BIOLOGICAL TISSUE.
WHY?
MY RING IS SENSING NO WOUNDS OR TRAUMA.
NO WOUNDS OR TRAUMA? HE'S BEEN SEVERED IN HALF
--GNNGGG--
WE'RE ALMOST THERE.
WE. HAVE. APPROXIMATELY. FORTY. EIGHT. SECONDS. BEFORE. XANSHI. UNLEASHES. ANOTHER. DISCHARGE. TOWARDS. EARTH. THE. RESULTS. OF. WHICH. WILL. BE. THE. ANNIHILATION. OF. THE. WESTERN. SEABOARD.
CONFIRMED
YOU CANNOT DELAY THIS ANY LONGER, HAL JORDAN.
THE LIGHT IS FINALLY GOING TO DIM AND WE'LL ALL REST FOR EVER AND EVER.
WHAT IN MOGO'S CRACK IS THIS?
THE CENTER OF THE TOOTSIE POP
TOOTSIE? POP? TERM. UNKNOWN.

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IT APPEARS A FUSION OF THOUSANDS OF RINGS COMMANDS THIS PLANET
LET US BURN BRIGHTLY TOGETHER TO COMBAT TH S NIGHTMARE
NOT COMBAT IT, BLUE LANTERN
--END T
THREE SECONDS UNTIL DETONAT ON.
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CONNECTION SEVERED.

CONFIRMED.

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FWAVAVAVEZZ
IT IS NOT OVER YET. THE REMNANTS OF MY WORLD HEAD TOWARDS YOURS.
THEN LET'S END THIS TOGETHER.

XANSHI
REST IN PEACE
THE MINISTRO OF XCRUCIOR
LIVE.
LANTERNS
STAND ASIDE.
I HAVE BEEN REBORN

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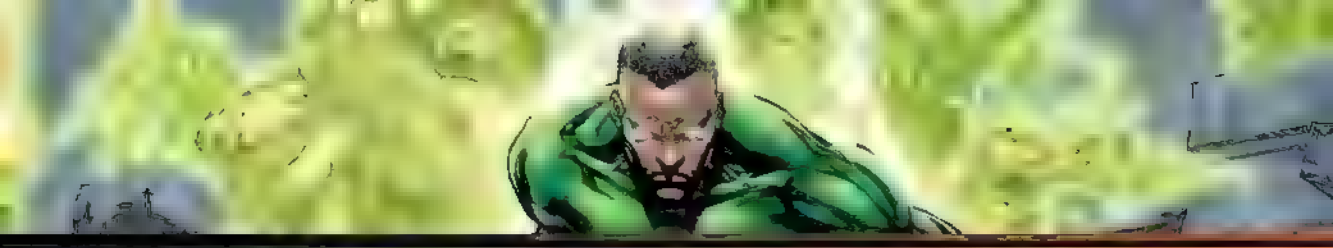

BLACKEST NIGHT GREEN LANTERN VARIANT COVER GALLERY

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DEPUTY LANTERNS

RED LANTERN MERA

ALTER EGO: MERA

MERA ESCAPED AN ATTACK FROM BLACK LANTERNS AQUAMAN, DOLPHIN, AND TULA, ONLY TO BE SELECTED LATER AS A DEPUTY RED LANTERN. OVERCOME WITH RAGE, MERA ATTACKED WONDER WOMAN AFTER WONDER WOMAN WAS TRANSFORMED INTO A STAR SAPPHIRE.

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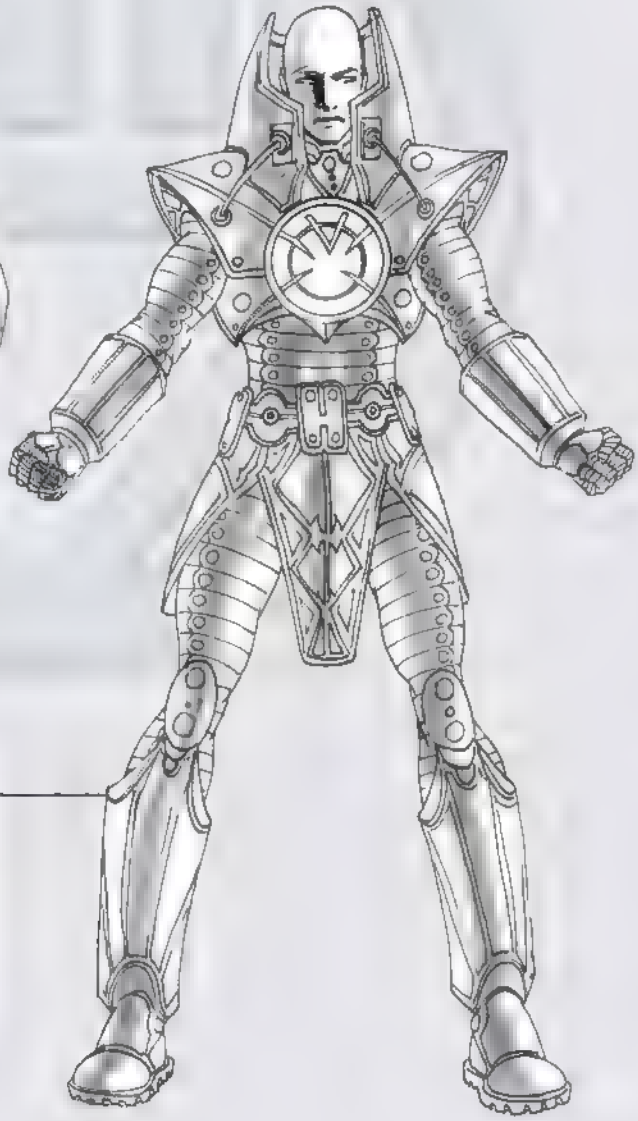

ORANGE LANTERN LEX LUTHOR

ALTER EGO: ALEXANDER JOSEPH "LEX" LUTHOR

LUTHOR'S GREED IS UNMATCHED, MAKING HIM A PERFECT DEPUTY OF THE ORANGE LANTERNS. HIS INSATIABLE HUNGER FOR POWER MAKES HIM A THREAT TO OTHER COLORED LANTERNS WITH WHOM HE SHOULD BE WORKING.

Design by Joe Prado

SINESTRO CORPS SCARECROW

ALTER EGO: DR. JONATHAN CRANE
THE SCARECROW CAN BE SUMMED UP BY ONE WORD: FEAR. EXPOS.NG PEOPLE TO FEAR GAS THAT CAUSES THE R WORST NIGHTMARES TO OVERWHELM THEM, SCARECROW IS THE VERY DEFINITION OF WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A YEL_OW LANTERN. WIELDING THE YELLOW LIGHT OF TERROR HAS GIVEN SCARECROW THE GREATEST HIGH OF HIS L FE

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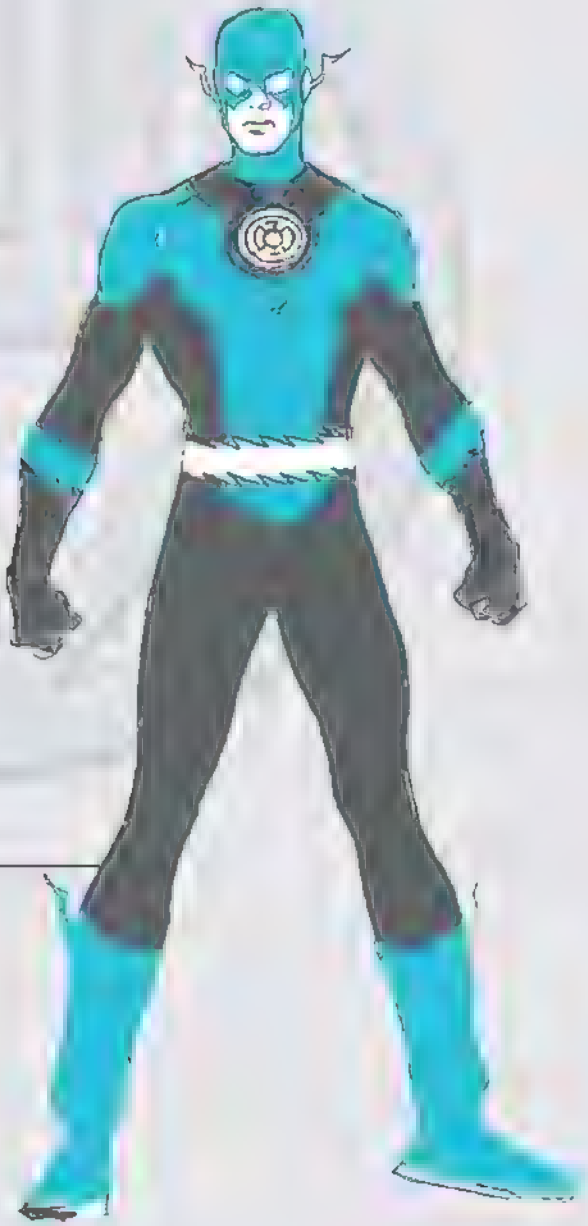

BLUE LANTERN FLASH

ALTER EGO: BARRY ALLEN
WHILE BATT_NG THE BLACK LANTERNS, BARRY WAS CHOSEN AS A BLUE LANTERN. BARRY HAS A_WAYS D SP_AYED GREAT HOPE, NEVER GIVING UP EVEN AGAINST SEEMINGLY IMPOSSIBLE ODDS, MAKING H.M A PERFECT FIT FOR A BLUE POWER R NG.

Design by Ivan Reis

INDIGO ATOM

ALTER EGO: RAY PALMER

EVEN WHEN H S EX-W.FE JEAN LORING WENT INSANE AND MURDERED THEIR FRIEND SUE DIBNY, RAY PALMER DID NOT GIVE UP ON HER. RATHER THAN JUST DESTROYING THEM, THE ATOM LOOKED FOR WAYS OF SAVING HIS FRIENDS TURNED BLACK LANTERNS, HAWKMAN AND HAWKGIRL. HE IS A HERO CHARACTERIZED BY HIS COMPASSION; THE ATOM MAKES A WORTHY ADDITION TO THE INDIGO TRIBE.

Design by Joe Prado

STAR SAPPHIRE WONDER WOMAN

ALTER EGO: DIANA PRINCE

WONDER WOMAN, HAVING PREVIOUSLY DIED AND THEN BEEN RESURRECTED, IS TURNED BY NEKRON INTO A BLACK LANTERN. BUT HER ALL-EMBRACING LOVE ALLOWS A VIOLET RING TO FIND HER AND SHATTER HER BLACK LANTERN RING, TRANSFORMING HER INTO A STAR SAPPHIRE AND RETURNING HER TO LIFE.

Design by Joe Prado

BLACK LANTERN AQUAMAN

ALTER EGO: ARTHUR CURRY

ALONG WITH THE ABILITY TO BREATHE UNDERWATER, AQUAMAN ALSO POSSESSES OTHER POWERS, SUCH AS SUPERHUMAN STRENGTH AND THE ABILITY TO COMMUNICATE TELEPATHICALLY WITH SEA CREATURES. AQUAMAN FACED HIS DEMISE WHILE PROTECTING LIFE BENEATH THE SEA. NOW A BLACK LANTERN, ARTHUR'S MAIN GOAL IS TO MURDER HIS WIFE, MERA.

Design by Ethan Van Sciver with Alex Sinclair

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BLACK LANTERN BATMAN

ALTER EGO: "BRUCE WAYNE"
AFTER SHOOTING DARKSEID WITH A RAD ON BULLET, BATMAN WAS SEEM NGLY KILLED BY DARKSEID'S OMEGA BEAMS. NEKRON USED WHAT HE BEJIEVED TO BE BATMAN'S SKULL TO CREATE AN EMOTIONAL TETHER WITHIN OJR HEROES WHO HAD DIED AND BEEN RESJRRECTED, CONVERTING THEM INTO POWERFUL BLACK LANTERNS THE OR GIN OF THIS BATMAN IS AS YET UNKNOWN.

Design by Joe Prado

BLACK LANTERN FIRESTORM

ALTER EGO: RONALD "RONN E" RAYMOND
AFTER FIRESTORM THE NUCLEAR MAN WAS STABBED BY THE SHADOW THIEF, HE FLEW INTO THE SKY SO NO OTHERS WOULD DIE WHEN HE EXPLODED. SINCE BEING TURNED INTO A BLACK LANTERN BY NEKRON, FIRESTORM HAS GONE AFTER HIS SUCCESSOR, JASON RUSCH

Design by Ethan Van Sciver with Alex Sinclair

BLACK LANTERN
HAL JORDAN

ALTER EGO: GREEN LANTERN
NEKRON WAS UNABLE TO TURN HAL JORDAN INTO A BLACK LANTERN IN HIS FIRST ATTEMPT BUT USED THE SPECTRE TO TURN HIM LATER. FORTUNATELY FOR JORDAN, GANTHET AND SAYD SAVED HIM FROM THAT TERRIBLE FATE. *Design by Joe Prado*

BLACK LANTERN MARTIAN MANHUNTER

ALTER EGO: J'ONN J'ONZZ
HAILING FROM MARS, MARTIAN MANHUNTER HAS A VAST ARRAY OF SUPERHUMAN ABILITIES INCLUDING TELEPATHY, FLIGHT, INVISIBILITY, INTANGIBILITY AND SHAPE SHIFTING. J'ONN WAS KILLED BY LIBRA BEFORE THE SECRET SOCIETY DURING FINAL CRISIS. AS A BLACK LANTERN, MARTIAN MANHUNTER HAS GONE TO CONFRONT HAL JORDAN AND BARRY ALLEN.

Design by Ethan Van Sciver with Alex Sinclair

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BLACK LANTERN SUPERMAN

ALTER EGO: KAL-EL
KILLED BY DOOMSDAY AND LATER RESURRECTED, NEKRON WAS ABLE TO TURN SUPERMAN INTO A BLACK LANTERN.

Design by Joe Prado

BIOGRAPHIES

GEOFF JOHNS

Geoff Johns is one of the most prolific and popular contemporary comic book writers. He has written highly acclaimed stories starring Superman, Green Lantern, the Flash, Teen Titans and the Justice Society of America. He is the author of the *New York Times* best-selling graphic novels GREEN LANTERN: RAGE OF THE RED LANTERNS, GREEN LANTERN: SINESTRO CORPS WAR, JUSTICE SOCIETY OF AMERICA: THY KINGDOM COME, and SUPERMAN: BRAINIAC.

Johns was born in Detroit and studied media arts, screenwriting, film production and film theory at Michigan State University. After moving to Los Angeles, he worked as an intern and later an assistant for film director Richard Donner, whose credits include *Superman: The Movie, Lethal Weapon 4* and *Conspiracy Theory*.

Johns began his comics career writing STARS AND S.T.R.I.P.E. and creating Stargirl for DC Comics. Geoff received the Wizard Fan Award for Breakout Talent of 2002 and Writer of the Year for 2005 through 2008 as well as the CBG Writer of the Year 2003 through 2005, 2007 and 2008, and CBG Best Comic Book Series for JSA 2001 through 2005.

After acclaimed runs on THE FLASH, TEEN TITANS and the best-selling INFINITE CRISIS miniseries, Johns co-wrote a run on ACTION COMICS with his mentor, Donner. In 2006, he co-wrote 52, an ambitious weekly comic book series set in real time, with Grant Morrison, Greg Rucka and Mark Waid.

Johns has also written for various other media, including the acclaimed "Legion" episode of SMALLVILLE and the fourth season of ROBOT CHICKEN. He is writing the story of the DC Universe Online massively multiplayer action game from Sony Online Entertainment LLC and has recently joined DC Entertainment as its Chief Creative Officer.

Johns currently resides in Los Angeles, California.

DOUG MAHNKE

Born in 1963 in the Year of the Rabbit, Doug Mahnke embarked on a love affair with comics at the age of five, having received a pile of *Spider-Man* issues from a rugby-playing college student named Mike who lived in his basement. A consistent interest in the medium, coupled with some art skill, landed Doug a job drawing comics for Dark Horse at the age of 24 (the date is known precisely, as it occurred just two weeks before he wed his lovely bride). His first gig was illustrating a moody detective one-shot entitled *Homicide*, written by John Arcudi. The two went on to collaborate on Dark Horse's *The Mask* and their creator-owned series MAJOR BUMMER, originally published by DC.

Since then Doug has worked on a wide variety of titles, including SUPERMAN: THE MAN OF STEEL, JLA, BATMAN, SEVEN SOLDIERS: FRANKENSTEIN, BLACK ADAM: THE DARK AGE and STORMWATCH: P.H.D. After contributing to 2009's FINAL CRISIS, he took over art chores on GREEN LANTERN. He resides in the midwest with his wife and seven kids, one dog, and a bunny named Suzie.

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